

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2081
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2021

OBSTACLES IN SETTING UP OF ATOMIC POWER PLANTS

2081 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) atomic minerals mined/processed for the production of nuclear energy since the year 2017, location, State and year-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is facing any difficulties/obstacles in setting up atomic power plants in various parts of the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the action taken/being taken to remove such obstacles?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) It is not in the public interest to disclose the details of the atomic mineral-mined/processed for the production of nuclear energy, since these are classified information.
- (b) In respect of nuclear power projects, the main challenges / difficulties being faced are land acquisition and Rehabilitation & Resettlement (at new sites), delays in obtaining statutory clearances and delivery of critical equipment by suppliers.
- (c) The pre-project activities are taken up well in advance to ensure their completion before start of construction. In respect of equipment supplies, regular monitoring and discussions are held with suppliers to ensure timely deliveries. Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL), a Public Sector Undertaking under Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) is also helping them resolve their technical / financial issues by providing necessary support.
